



# GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

June 29, 2016

Jeff Scott  
Director - Land Division  
US EPA Region 9  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

Dear Mr. Scott:

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is in receipt of your May 9, 2016 letter regarding the proposal for the DEQ to assume the lead on the former Romic SW facility and to be the direct beneficiary of the trust fund.

Before the Community can make a decision on this proposal, the DEQ will need to complete an internal review process which includes the Community's Natural Resources Standing Committee and Community Council. Therefore, we are requesting that the timeline for the consultation be extended.

Please feel free to contact myself or Glenn Stark at 520-562-2234 regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ondrea Barber  
Executive Director